

DOCKET No.: MMX-22-5014533 S : SUPERIOR COURT

IN RE: NICKOLA CUNHA : JD OF MIDDLESEX

: AT MIDDLETOWN

: MAY 16, 2022

TRUSTEE REPORT

1. That on January 28, 2022, the Honorable Judge Thomas Moukawsher, pursuant to Practice Book Sec 2-64, appointed me as Trustee, and made specific orders.

2. That on April 27, 2022, the Honorable Judge Thomas Moukawsher held Nickola Cunha in contempt of court. He further ordered that for failing to provide the client information specified in the court's order, the court ordered that Ms. Cunha appear in person on May 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Further, that if she hasn't provided the information sought before the scheduled hearing, the court will consider other steps to ensure compliance.

3. That on May 11, 2022, the court issued a capias with a stay until May 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. And, then at the request of the undersigned Trustee, the court further issued a stay until May 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

4. The Trustee reports that on Friday, May 13, 2022, Ms. Cunha met appeared at my office in North Haven, Connecticut at approximately 2:45 p.m. I was not present in my office at that time. Ms. Cunha, however, met with my associate Attorney Nicole R. Crocco. Ms. Cunha brought with her three (3) client files. Attorney Crocco prepared the attached Schedule A outlining Ms. Cunha's response to the Trustee's request for court ordered client information.

5. That although Ms. Cunha reports that most of her former clients have possession of their files, the Trustee is unable to contact many of her former clients to confirm same as she was not given phone numbers, email address or mailing addresses for many of her former clients. Please see attached Schedule B outline of missing information.

TRUSTEE

BY:



Corrine A. Boni-Vendola, Esq.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that on the 16TH day of May 2022 a copy of the foregoing was sent via electronic mail to the following:

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As Trustee for Nickola J. Cunha
Commissioner of the Superior Court

Schedule A

Corrine Boni-Vendola

From: Nicole R. Crocco, Esq. <nicole@cbvdivorcelaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:28 PM
To: leanne.larson@jud.ct.gov; brian.staines@jud.ct.gov; Corrine Boni-Vendola
Subject: Nickola Cunha

Dear All: See below based on my conversation with Nickola Cunha and what she provided and/or stated:

1. Karen Ambrose: Indicated that client has part of file, but asked Nickola to hold on to part of it. That was not provided today.
2. Marlena Anderson: Client give notice and indicated Client has file.
3. Robert Cuesta: Case closed. No active file.
4. Fernando DeAndrade: Client has notice and file for both cases.
5. Kenneth Gills: Client has notice and file.
6. Charles Granger: Client has notice and file.
7. Ronna Marie Guiliano: Client has notice and file. Did not provide today and stated file can be electronically sent to our office.
8. Robin Herzog: Client has notice and file.
9. Erin Parinzano: Client has notice and file.
10. Joe Roberts: Client has notice and wants file emailed to him. Did not provide today and stated can be emailed to our office.
11. Catherin Fie: Client has notice. Did not bring file. Stated client picking up Monday or Tuesday.
12. Michele Girard: Client filed pro se appearance. Client has file.
13. Ronna Marie Guiliano: Client has notice and file. However, Nickola has the DCF report and the Psych Eval based on court order to not release.
14. Estate of Tony Goncalves: Attorney Steven Lettick took over case and has file.
15. Jesus Lopez: Attorney Steven Lettick took over case and has file.
16. Mario Lopez: Attorney Steven Lettick took over case and has file.
17. Amy Markoski: Did not bring file. Indicated client want file.
18. Paul Moen: Did not bring file. Indicated client instructed her to hold it.
19. Maria Pires: Client has notice and file. No file for victim case.
20. Jonathon Onofrio (deceased): Mother has file
21. Dana Traverse: PROVIDED FILE
22. John Skura: PROVIDED FILE
23. Lie Skura: PROVIDED FILE
24. Diana: Client has notice. No file just appearance
25. Fernando DeAndrade: Client has notice and file
26. Aldo Doria: Client has notice and file
27. Marianne Sokolowski: Client has notice and file
28. Fraciscso Goncalves: Attorney Steven Lettick took over case and has file.
29. Carlos Gonclaves: Attorney Steven Lettick took over case and has file.
30. Mikey Goncalves: Attorney Steven Lettick took over case and has file.

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SCHEDULE B

Be advised that I am still missing:

Have not received information (email, telephone number or address for the following files):

Rosemarie Streater – need information on this file was not on list

Jesus Lopez – need information

Maria Lopez – need information

Jonathan Onofrio – need information

Administrator of the Estate of Dominguez – no information

Fernando DeAndrade – no information

Aldo Doria – no information

Marianne Sokolowski – no information

Also, missing:

“a...amount of the retainer paid (if any), itemization of all billing identifying any balance remaining, and whether there are any scheduled court dates, statute of limitations, deadline, or other activity needing immediate attention.”

“c A list of all clients’ funds, IOLTA and/or fiduciary accounts maintained by Nickola Cunha, including th name of banking institution and account number,. Nickola Cunha shall also provide the trustee with all remaining original checks.”

With reference to the above specifically, I received a couple of phone calls from former client’s inquiring about the return of their retainer. Mr. Joseph Roberts claims that he paid you \$3,000.00 in October of 2021 and Mr. Charles Granger claims paying you \$2,500.00 in March of 2021. Please provide me with a complete accounting of the two (2) former client’s billing history, including but not limited to all bills and disbursements regarding those matters.